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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIANS MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF YAMANI
VISIT

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1. WE TALKED TODAY TO DCM (AL NASSER) IN SAUDI ARABIAN
EMBASSY WHO SAYS YAMQ ANI'S VISIT WAS CORDIAL AND PLEASANT.
WHILE IT MAY HAVE LAID THE GROUND FOR SOMETHING IN THE
FUTURE, NOTHING WAS AGREED ON OR EVEN SERIOUSLY NEGOTIATED
DURING THE FIVE DAYS YAMANI WAS IN INDIA. AS AL-NASSER
TELLS IT, THE VISIT IS THE RESULT OF A SUGGESTION BY INDIAN MINISTER
OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS MALAVIYA THAT HE VISIT SAUDI
ARABIA. YAMANI RESPONFED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE INDIA
AGAIN. THE INDIANS LAID ON A NICE VISIT, IN-
CLUDING A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY AT HYDERABAD. AN OFFICIAL
OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING ACCOMPANIED YAMANI AND IT WAS
AGREED THE MINISTER OF PLANNING WILL PAY A VISIT TO INDIA
SOMETIME IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, DURING WHICH TIME AN
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INDIAN REQUEST FOR DEFFERRED PAYMENT FOR PETROLEUM MAY BE

DISCUSSED ALONG WITH JOINT VENTURES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND
SAUDI ARABIA'S NEED FOR LABOR.

2. NASSER MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR (IF ANY CLARIFICATION
WAS NEEDED) THAT INDIA IS THE SUITOR AND THAT SAUDI ARABIAN
IS THE RELUCTANT BRIDE, WILLING TO BE RECEPTIVE TO IDEAS
BUT IN NO HURRY TO ENTER INTO ANY NEW AND LONG-TERM ENTANGLE-
MENTS.

3. IT WILL BE RECALLED (BEF B) THAT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY
OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS DAVE TOLD US A FEW WEEKS
AGO THAT INDIA WAS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH
OIL COUNTRIES THAT WOULD HELP FINANCE THE OIL IT BUYS
FROM THEM BECAUSE IT HADN'T DONE ITS HOMEWORK. AL-NASSER
SUGGESTED THAT THE INDIANS HADN'T SAID ANYTHING VERY INTER-
ESTING TO YAMANI AND THE YAMANI VISIT WOULD SEEM TO BEAR OUT
DAVE'S REMARK.

4. AS WE SEE KNOWLEDGEABLE GOI OFFICIALS, WE WILL ASK THEM FOR
THEIR VERSION ALSO.
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